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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Yasunori MURAKAMI et al.

Appl. No.: NEW Group:

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For: GASKET FOR HIGH-TEMPERATURE JOINT AND
METHOD OF FABRICATING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

March 5, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0018] beginning on page 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--[0018] Moreover, as defined in claim 8, it is preferable that the reinforcing member and the aqueous solution of any of the heat-resistant filler and the heat-resistant antifriction material are severally deaerated under reduced pressure atmosphere and the reinforcing member is immersed into the aqueous solution under reduced pressure

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